REMARKS

Claims 7-14 remain in the application. The claims have been amended to more clearly define the subject matter applicants regard as inventive. All of the claims are newly rejected under Section 102 based on art of record, Belfiore (U.S. 6,990,513), although the claims were previously amended in view of this reference and the rejection had been withdrawn. Although the Office Action mailed 16 June 2008 provides numerous citations to support the rejection of all claims, it is not seen that the Belfiore reference discloses any more than already acknowledged by the applicants as prior art. The following remarks address specific aspects of the rejection to demonstrate that the citations presented in the office action are not supportive of reading the features of the claims on the prior art.

The rejection notes that Belfioe teaches a programming model (see pages 2 and 3 of the office action), but this does not seem to relate to that which his claimed. The rejection at page 3 also cites (once more) col. 14, lines 23-49 in relation to transforming data in one schema to another schema, but this has no relation to a conversion between versions of the same schema. As now more clearly stated in claim 7, the method characterizes

> both an old version and a new version of a data schema, wherein the new version is derived from the old version, by assigning and preserving an identification of the version to a first attribute of the old and new versions of the schema ...

Reference to a page component 210 at cols. 9 and 10 of Belfiore (see pages 3 and 4 of the office action) has little to do with what is claimed. Note, at col. 9, lines 19-21 it is made clear that the page component 210 is different from a data schema, indicating the page component "hosts controls to project a user interface or experience for the appropriate client device." Applicants do not understand how the Examiner relates such a function to the claimed subject matter and, if the Examiner disagrees that this is not the same, applicants request that the Examiner provide a detailed explanation with supporting citations. Otherwise, because there is no apparent relation between the page component and the claimed subject matter, the Examiner cannot cite such to support a rejection.

Based on this shortcoming, the effort to read the above-quoted claim language for characterizing old and new versions by assigning an identification of the version to a first attribute, is not at all supported by citation to col. 10, lines 10-59 of Belfiore. Moreover, it is not even understood how the Examiner intended to apply that citation and, if the Examiner continues to apply that citation, the applicants request that the Examiner explain the relevance. Redirecting invocations to compatible versions simply has no relation to the invention. Applicants acknowledge use in the prior art of converters to overcome compatibility issues. The citation from the Belfiore reference alludes to selection of a compatible version, not making the new and old schema versions both upward compatible and downward compatible "by maintaining the namespace, type names, and element names ..."

It is also noted that the citation made at page 4 of the office action does not (as urged by the Examiner) appear at all to disclose or suggest "allowing expansion of the types and elements while maintaining the respective type names or element names ..." and the possible relevance to text cited at page 5 of the office action (col. 13 to col. 14 of Belfiore) is not understood. The Examiner is requested to explain how such text would specify that which is claimed in the same level of detail as recited in the claim.

The analysis made herein is fully applicable to both independent claims as well as all of the dependent claims. The rejection is in error. The Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection and allow the claims to issue. If the Examiner disagrees the Examiner is requested to fully address every deficiency identified in this response.
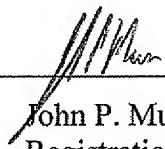
Conclusion

Much of the argument presented in the prior responses remains relevant to the new grounds of rejection and the Examiner is requested to reconsider that argument as well. This response presents new argument that is fully responsive to the Examiner's new grounds of rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that for all of these reasons the claims are patentable over the prior art and the application is in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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